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House Bill _____
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Senate No. SR0008
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A RESOLUTION to honor Johnny Cleveland Springer on the
celebration of his eighty-fifth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should specially recognize and honor citizens who are celebrating important milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Cleveland Springer will celebrate his eighty-fifth birthday on March 30, 1995, a significant occasion that will be observed with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Grover Cleveland Springer and the late Mary Galloway Springer, Johnny Cleveland Springer was born March 30, 1910 in Dickson, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 1931, Mr. Springer was joined in holy matrimony with Fairy Lee Smith; and

WHEREAS, for some sixty-one years, this loving couple shared life's journey as one and raised a happy family of four children with love, compassion and the principle of the Golden Rule; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Springer has subsequently passed from this life to a far better existence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Springer always endeavored to teach their children to respect and show courtesy toward other people, and to treat people as they would wish to be treated; and

WHEREAS, each of the Springer's children has been successful in his or her respective endeavors, and as a group, they credit their parents with being a strong and positive influence on their lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Springer's grateful children are: Elizabeth Ann Warren of Lyles, Tennessee; James R. Springer of Lawrenceville, New Jersey; Billy D. Springer of Dickson, Tennessee; and our most trusted and valued colleague, Senator Kenneth N. "Pete" Springer of Centerville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Springer is also very pleased to share love and companionship with his ten grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Springer were steadfast Democrats, and were always actively involved in local, state and national elections; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary couple exerted an especially strong influence on Senator Springer's life, as his mother and father encouraged him to enter the realm of politics and public service; and

WHEREAS, Senator Springer now graciously admits that his considerable success in both areas would not have been possible without his parents' loving guidance and unwavering support; and

WHEREAS, after working in the coal fields of Kentucky as a young man, Mr. Johnny Springer returned to Tennessee as an employee of Tennessee Products in Wrigley; and

WHEREAS he worked with diligence and dexterity for Tennessee Products for some thirty-six years and served with distinction as a foreman during the latter part of his career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Springer also organized and was instrumental in founding the Goodwill Furnace Workers Mine and Mill Smelting Union, Local No. 314 in Wrigley; he served his fellow union members with acumen and alacrity as President for several years and as a founding member for thirty-six exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, both as a dedicated employee and a concerned union official, Mr. Springer worked extensively with the company and its employees to foster a good working relationship between labor and management; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Springer was highly successful in this endeavor, as he selflessly devoted much of his life to helping working people bring integrity into their lives and improve their standard of living; and

WHEREAS, he was also a valuable and distinguished member of Dickson Masonic Lodge No. 486 for Free and Accepted Masons for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body wish to join with Mr. Johnny Springer's large and loving family in wishing him a very happy birthday; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Johnny Cleveland Springer on the celebration of his eighty-fifth birthday, and wish him many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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